EMAN
EMERGENCY MEDICAL ALERT NETWORK

What is EMAN's purpose?

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) is to facilitate rapid, confidential communication between public health officials and local medical professionals relating to unusual disease occurrence and other potential threats to public health in San Diego County, including acts of bioterrorism.

EMAN was developed in 1999. It is administered by the Community Epidemiology Branch of the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Who participates in EMAN?

EMAN participants include public health and medical professionals in San Diego County. Examples of current EMAN participants include:

- Public health and safety officials
- Physicians (especially those with specialties in infectious disease, emergency medicine and primary care)
- Nurses (especially those with specialties in infectious disease, emergency medicine and primary care)
- Infection control practitioners
- Laboratory directors and managers
- Pharmacy directors and managers
- Other medical professionals approved by HHSA

What information is sent?

EMAN participants generally receive information on the following topics:

- Occurrence of rare or unusual communicable diseases reported to the Community Epidemiology Branch
- Requests for heightened surveillance related to rare or unusual communicable diseases
- Recommendations on communicable disease identification, prevention, infection control, specimen submission and laboratory testing

How do I receive EMAN alerts?

Standard alerts are sent 1-3 times per month via e-mail and require an individual user name and password to access. Once alert receipt is confirmed, participants are directed to the secure EMAN web portal at http://sdeman.org, to access the alert.

The secure EMAN web portal is where EMAN alerts and other important information are stored in a safe location on the Internet.

During a public health emergency, EMAN alerts may be sent using a "real-time" alerting feature. EMAN participants may receive these high-priority alerts via e-mail, phone, fax and alpha pager, depending upon the alerting preferences indicated by EMAN participants.

Are EMAN alerts confidential?

EMAN alerts are considered confidential because they may contain information on investigations in progress.

To access EMAN alerts, go to http://sdeman.org

What is on the secure EMAN web portal?

The secure EMAN web portal at http://sdeman.org provides useful information for authorized San Diego County public health and medical professionals, including:

- Current and archived EMAN alerts
- Communicable disease information
- Bioterrorism resources
- Physicians' Bulletins
- Disease reporting information

What is on the public-access EMAN website?

The public-access EMAN website at www.emansandiego.com includes an overview of EMAN, an EMAN online application, and useful links to public health programs.

Who is the contact for EMAN?

If you have questions about EMAN, please contact the **EMAN Manager** at:

(619) 515-6620

How do I report legally reportable or unusual diseases?

Report unusual disease occurrence and legally reportable diseases to the Community Epidemiology Branch at **(619) 515-6620**.

How do I apply for EMAN?

An EMAN application may be submitted online by visiting the EMAN public-access website at www.emansandiego.com. An EMAN application must be submitted and approved prior to EMAN participation.

Personal information provided on the EMAN application is **confidential** and will not be shared or distributed. Private contact information is not available to other EMAN participants.

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